

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday December 4, 2013**

Call to Order

Chair Pfundt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Members Present: Tom Neir, John Perlic, Mike Snow, Sandeep Singhal, Tess Pate. Kirkland Staff Present: Dave Godfrey, Public Works Department, Teresa Swan, Planning and Community Development Department.

Approval of meeting notes from October 23, 2013 meeting.

Approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Lisa McConnell: Commented on the Transportation Master Plan. Comments supported the all-modes approach and the hierarchy of modes. Redevelopment should support the themes in the Master Plan. Please use words other than "enjoyable" to describe a desirable bike/ped environment. Pedestrian lighting should have a high priority. Covered bicycle parking should be provided at all city facilities and parks with playfields to encourage bicycle travel to these facilities. Transit should be accessible within a ¼ mile of all households. Development should be in scale with the neighborhoods. Rail should not be on the CKC.

Heidi Schor Commented that she attended a State Transportation Meeting and there were no representatives from Kirkland at the meeting. Kirkland should have a representative on the Sound Transit Board. Expressed concern at the lack of action to back up the great words that are in plans. Suggested that Kirkland set up its own transit system, including providing transit on the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

Juanita Drive Corridor Study

Don Samdahl, consultant with Fehr & Peers presented several questions to the Commission. The Commission supported the concept of using park areas to construct a travel way for bikes/peds separate from the roadway. Commission questioned the basic northbound bike lane concept because of some of the "throwaway" components and the high cost. Commissioners made other comments including the need to "clean-up and organize" the corridor and make it feel more like other streets in Kirkland. When transmitting to Council, the Commission offered the following concepts: Desire for an early bike project; Reflect the entire corridor; emphasize a need to act not just approve the plan; which might mean asking for funding for the first phase at the same time the plan is adopted and to understand the regional bicycle context and connections provided by Juanita Drive.

Transportation Visioning Themes

Teresa Swan from the Planning and Community Development Department reviewed the results of the visioning exercises that were conducted over the previous few months via a Wordle. She then described the top transportation related themes as 1)Transportation-Land Use link 2)How to treat traffic congestion 3)Providing bike and ped options. She also summarized the Vision and Framework Goals associated with the existing Comprehensive Plan.

Transportation Master Plan

Kendra Breiland, consultant with Fehr & Peers Staff reviewed a document with proposed goals and policies. The Commission made a number of comments and a substantial discussion on the first four goals, and agreed to send comments on other goals to the staff.

Elections

Sandeep Singhal was nominated for Chair and Tom Neir was nominated for Vice-Chair. Both were elected unanimously.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Staff reported on the right-size parking study and on the CKC utility study. **Snow:** requested information on which City Councilmembers were on regional committees. **Perlic:** Metro Transit will have an open house on January 16 in Kirkland to discuss service cuts; would like to hear more about the ST3 work plan and the regional committee working on the Eastside Rail Corridor. Commissioners briefly discussed the upcoming CKC/Transit event on February 8. No other Commissioners had comments.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:34 p.m.